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136 FIELD POINT CIRCLE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC,

Plaintiff.

-against-

ALEXANDER RAZINSKI, TANYA RAZINSKI, and INVAR INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC.,

Defendants.

21 Civ. 11076 (JHR)

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed affidavit of Mitchell J. Baker, sworn to February 13, 2024, plaintiff 136 Field Point Circle Holding Company, Inc. will move this Court, at the Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, Courtroom 12B, at a date and time designated by this Court, for an Order pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 41(b) granting 136 Field Point Circle Holding Company, LLC a default judgment in its favor against defendant Invar International Holding Company, Inc. for its failure to prosecute this action, (2) directing that a hearing be held for a determination of damages, and (3) together with such other, further and different relief this Court deems just.

Dated: White Plains, New York

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February 15, 2024

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Pursuant to Rule 4.iii of the Court's Default Judgment Procedure, a plaintiff's application for default judgment must address, inter alia, "whether, if the default is applicable to fewer than all of the defendants, the Court may appropriately order a default judgment on the issue of damages prior to resolution of the entire action." Indiv. R. & Pracs. in Civ. Cases, Attach. A. In its default judgment motion, Plaintiff avers that "[t]he claim asserted against [defaulting] Defendant Invar International Holding[s]" ("Invar") "is premised upon a guarantee of the underlying debt due by the [non-defaulting Razinski Defendants]," ECF No. 72-1 ¶ 29, and "ask[s] that the damages due to Plaintiff by Invar [] be assessed at the trial of the underlying action." *Id.* ¶ 34. Indeed, pursuant to a May 17, 2012 Guaranty Agreement between Invar and Plaintiff, Invar agreed to "absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee[] to [Plaintiff] and its successors, endorsees, transferees and assigns the full, complete and timely payment, performance and satisfaction of each and every one of the liabilities and obligations of either or both of the Razinskis under" certain transaction documents. ECF No. 72-5 § 1.1. "Because the case involves multiple defendants, entry of a default instead of a default judgment is, in the Court's view, more appropriate[]" at this juncture. Schneider v. Cuddebackville Fire Dep't, 11 Civ. 1499 (KMK) (S.D.N.Y. June 27, 2011) (rejecting Order to Show Cause for Default Judgment (citing Diarama Trading Co. v. J. Walter Thompson U.S.A., Inc., 01 Civ. 2950 (DAB), 2002 WL 31545845, at *4 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 13, 2002) (declining to adjudicate motions for default judgment on the ground that "the liability of one defendant is indeed likely to depend on whether others are ultimately found to be liable")). As Plaintiff notes, see ECF No. 72-1 ¶ 24, on January 31, 2024, the Clerk of Court issued a Certificateof Default against Invar, see ECF No. 69.

In view of the foregoing, the Court hereby DENIES Plaintiff's application for a default judgment "without prejudice to renewal upon resolution of the case against" the non-defaulting Defendants. *Chen v. Kicho Corp.*, 18 Civ. 7413 (PMH) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 30, 2020). In the meantime, the Clerk's Certificate of Default "preclude[es Invar], from [January 31, 2024] forward, from arguing the merits of the claims made against [it]." *Diarama Trading Co.*, 2002 WL 31545845, at *4; *see also* ECF No. 69.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 72.

Jennifer H. Rearden, U.S.D.J. Dated: March 4, 2024